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Kazuo SAMEJIMA et al: : **MID-MOUNT MOWER HAVING A**
: **MOWER UNIT DISPOSED BETWEEN**
: **FRONT AND REAR WHEELS**
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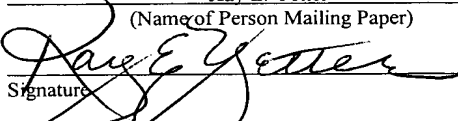
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This application corresponds and claims priority to Japanese Application No. 2003-31115, filed February 7, 2003.

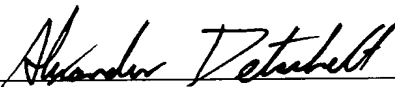
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The relevance of JP 2000-342040 is indicated on page 2, lines 19-20 of the specification. U. S. Patent No. 6,516,597 is enclosed herewith as a corresponding English language equivalent of JP 2000-342040.

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